GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted on 12.11.2018 on the District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor Town, Chittoor District – Allegation of corruption & criminal misconduct - Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.45 **Dated:02-02-2021**

Read the following:-

1. From DG, ACB, Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.106/DES-TCT/2018,Dt.16.12.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:02-02-2021.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference 2nd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District is directed to submit within ten days of the receipt of this Order a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor, Chittoor District (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) **through** the Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor District.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SODAM CHINNAPPA REDDYGARI PADMASEKHAR REDDY, S/O LATE S.C. MALLI REDDY, AGE 48 YEARS, JOINT REGISTRAR-II, O/O DISTRICT REGISTRAR, ORIGINAL BRANCH, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT

IN SC.N0.03/SC-TCT/2018

That, Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, S/o Late S.C. Malli Reddy joined in Government Service on 1-4-1996 as Jr. Asst. in Stamps and Registration Department, and got promoted as Sub Registrar Grade II on 10-07-2015 and working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chitttoor, Chittoor District from 10-07-2015 to till date of surprise check i.e., 12-11-2018, here - in - after called as Government Servant (GS).

CHARGE:-I

That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor District has committed grave misconduct in as much as he, in collusion with other staff engaged the services of one private person viz., Sri K.VijayaKumar for collecting mamools (illegal/unauthorized amounts) from the documentary writers who had collected the same from general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works. During surprise-check Sri K.Vijayakumar was found in possession of an unauthorized/illegal amount of Rs.12,500/-. The DSP, ACB seized the above said amount from his possession.

CHARGE:-II

That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor District, Chittoor has committed grave misconduct in as much as an unaccounted amount of Rs.15,600/-was found in the computer section room (under the CPU of Finger prints seat) and an un-accounted amount of Rs.14,500/- was found in the Server room (in CDs box). The total amount of Rs. 30,100/- was seized by the DSP, ACB for the purpose of further enquiry after none of the SRO staff and others claimed that the said amount belongs to them.

CHARGE:-III

That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor District has committed grave misconduct in as much as he, in collusion with other staff engaged the services of five document writers for collecting mamools from the general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works and to handover the same to one private person viz., Sri K.Vijayakumar who inturn handover bribe amounts to the SRO and staff.

CHARGE:-IV

That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar F21Vdy, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chitttoor, Chittoor District from 01-10-2014 to 12-11-2018 being a supervisory officer in collision with his staff utterly failed to monitor them by giving an ample scope to his subordinates to resort to corrupt practices by engaging private persons for collection of illegal amounts (mamools) from the documentary writers who in turn had collect the same from general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works and thereby he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty by his sub-ordinates despite being supervisory Officer.

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Thus Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of Supervision, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rules 3(1),(2) and 3(5) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE — II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCODUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SODAM CHINNAPPA REDDYGARI PADMASEKHAR REDDY, S/O LATE S.C. MALLI REDDY, AGE 48 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR-II, O/O DISTRICT REGISTRAR, ORIGINAL BRANCH, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT

IN SC.N0.03/SC-TCT/2018

That Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy is a native of Yerrathivaripalli, Sodam (M) & (PO) Chittoor Dist. His date of birth is 15-04-1969. He entered into Government Service as 01-04-1996 as Jr. Asst. in Stamps and Registration Department, and got promoted as Sub Registrar Grade-II on 10-07-2015 and worked as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chitttoor, Chittoor District from 10-07-2015 to 12-11-2018. He was drawing a basic pay of Rs. 41,380 /- under scale of Rs.28,940/- - 78,910./-as on 12-11-2018. He is due to retirement on 30-04-2029. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

FACTS OF THE CASE:

On reliable information that the officials and staff of the District Registrar (Original Branch) Chittoor town, Chittoor district were indulging in corrupt practices and collecting bribes from the public coming to the Registrar's office to their properties registered and other purposes also engaging the private persons for discharge of officials duties and also for collecting bribes on behalf of the staff, on 12-11-2018 from 16.45 hrs to 23.55 hrs a Surprise Check was conducted on O/o District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor district by a Team of officials of ACB led by the DSP ACB, Tirupati in the presence of two mediators. During surprise check, 02 Joint Sub-Registrars, 02 Senior Assistants, 06 Junior Assistants, 02 Office Sub-ordinates and 02 Private persons working in District Registrar Office (Original Branch), 05 Document Writers / Assistant Document Writers and 8 general public who had come to the SRO Office, Chittoor Urban for registrations of their properties were found to be present in the office. When the DSP enquired about their names and addresses and other particulars, they voluntarily revealed their names, addresses and other details.

On search of 02 Private persons, (1) Sri S. Lalalajapathi was found in possession of an amount of Rs.16,700/- in his pants left pocket and (2) Sri K.Vijaya Kumar was found in possession of an amount of Rs.12,500/- in his pants right pocket. The total un-accounted amount of Rs. 29,200/- was seized from them by the DSP, ACB, Tirupati.

Then the DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of two (02) private persons working in the District Registrar (OB) office. They voulantalarly stated in the presence of the mediators that they were engaged by Sub-Registrars and staff to collect mamools from various document writers who had collected the same from the public who came to the Office for registration of their properties. Sri S. Lala Lajapathi revealed that he had collected an amount of Rs. 16,700/- on behalf of Joint Sub Registrar—I, Sri M. Ashok Kumar, C. Bhaskara, Sr. Asst; M.M. Karunakar, Jr. Asst; Sri C.G. Bala Subramanyam, Jr.Asst; Smt. N. Revathi, Jr. Asst and Sri G. Rajasekhar, Office Subordinate. On enquiry, Sri K.Vijaya Kumar, (Private person) revealed that he had collected an amount of Rs. 12,500/- on behalf of Joint Sub Registrar-II, Sri S.C. Padma Sekhar Reddy; Sri V. Hemantha Rajulu7Sr. Asst; Smt M. Surya Prakash Aswini, Jr. Asst; Sri T.N. Mahendra Babu, Jr. Asst; Sri K. Ramprasad, Jr. Asst and Sri M.D. Kumar, Office Subordinate. They also stated that they were being paid an amount of Rs. 500/- per day for collecting the mamools by the respective Sub Registrars on behalf of the office staff.

On thorough search of entire office, an unaccounted amount of Rs.15,600/- was found in the computer section room (under the CPU of Finger prints seat) and an un-accounted amount of Rs.14,500/- was found in the Server room (in CDs box). Thus total un-accounted amount of Rs.30,100/- was seized by the DSP, ACB for the purpose of further enquiry in the presence of mediators after none of the SRO staff claimed that the said amount belonged to them.

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Then DSP, ACB asked Sri Munchala Ashok Kumar, Joint Sub-Registrar-I and Sri Sodum Chinnappareddigari Padma Sekhar Reddy, Joint Sub-Registrar-II and other staff of the Office to offer their explanation regarding the possession of unaccounted amount in the premises of the Office and also about the presence of two Private Employees who were found in possession of unaccounted amount and five document writers for which they kept quiet.

The five document writers viz., 1).Sri Karnam Parasurama Sankara Narayana 2).Sri Desetty Ravi 3).Sri Talambedu Sri Hari 4).Sri Ramaiah Bhaskar 5). Sri Kalavakunta GajendraKumar who were found present in the 0/0 District Registrar (OB), Chittoor during the surprise check stated in the presence of the mediators that they have been working as document writers in the shops located in front of the SRO for the last few years. They would prepare documents for registration of properties and collect certain amounts from the persons who come for registrations as the office staff expect amounts ranging from Rs.500/- to Rs.5,000/- for registration of each document depending upon its value. Later they would give the illegally collected amounts to the two private persons Sri S.Lalal Lajapathi and Sri K.Vijaya Kumar who were engaged by the office staff for that purpose. While they were present in the District Registrar (OB) office on 12-11-2018 after giving the mamools to those two private persons viz.1) Sri S Lala Lajapathi and 2) Sri K.Vijaya Kumar, the ACB officials conducted surprise check. The DSP, ACB recorded their statements in the presence of mediators.

Then the DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of eight individuals who came to the registrar office for registration of their properties. The gist of their statements is as follows

1. **Smt. K. Bharathi, aged 41 years, W/o C. Jagath Babu, D.No. 4-1456, Greamspet, Chittoor Town:** She stated that she purchased Plot No. 356 of Chittoor Municipal area from Sri C. Subramanyam of Chittoor Town for Rs.1,64,000/- and got that plot registered on her name vide Doc. No. 6612/2018. Sri T. Srihari had prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 1,500/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount has to be given to the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

2. **Smt. K. Shanthi, aged 38 years, W/o Sri T. Devanand, D.No. 28/927, Dharmaraju Colony, Chittoor Town:** She stated that she purchased Plot No. 347 of Chittoor Municipal area from Smt. K. Vinayaki of Chittoor Town for Rs.1,64,000/- on her name vide Doc. No. 6613/2018. Sri T. Srihari prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 1,500/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount had to be given to the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

3. **Smt. C. Rupa, aged 37 years, W/o C. Rama Chandra Naidu, Battuvalluru Village, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor District:** She stated that she purchased land in Sy. No. 366/1 in Mogarallapalli Village of Gudipala Mandal from Sri C. Chinnabba Naidu of Papisettipalli Village of Gudipala Mandal for Rs. 2,60,000/- and got the land registered on her name vide Doc. No. 6602/2018. Sri D. Ravi prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 2,000/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount had to be given to the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

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The husbands of the aforesaid four claints viz., Sri Jaghath Babu, Sri T.Devanand, Sri C.Ramachandra Naidu and Sri M.Mohan Naidu also coraborated the aforesaid facts stated by their wives in the presence of the mediators.

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The husbands of the aforesaid four claints viz., Sri Jaghath Babu, Sri T.Devanand, Sri C.Ramachandra Naidu and Sri M.Mohan Naidu also coraborated the aforesaid facts stated by their wives in the presence of the mediators.

It was clearly enunciated in Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4 dt: 17-04-2001 of Govt. of A.P. General Administration Dept (Spl.B) that " No Manual or any procedure has prescribed to engage a private person to perform certain official duties during the course of departmental activity".

Thus SO-2 clearly violated the Memo issued by the Government of A.P and allowed the aforesaid private persons viz. Sri S.Lala Lajapathi and Sri K.Vijaya Kumar to work in the SRO unauthorizedly. SO-2 also violated the orders issued by the Commissioner & Insepector General of Registration & Stamps, A.P. Hyderabad.Circular No.24, dt:28-10-1998, the instructions issued in circular Memo No.X1/3945/2007, dated 02-05-2007 and circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013 dt.18-04-2013.

Thus the government servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, by his above said acts violated Rule 3 (1) (2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964.

CHARGE:-II

That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy, while working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor District, Chittoor has committed grave misconduct in as much as and an unaccounted amount of Rs.15,600/-was found in the computer section room (under the CPU of Finger prints seat) and an un-accounted amount of Rs.14,500/- was found in the Server room (in CDs box). The total amount of Rs.30,100/- was seized by the DSP, ACB for the purpose of further enquiry after none of the SRO's staff and others claimed that the said amount belongs to them.

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BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

During surprise check conducted on 12.11.2018 by the DSP, ACB, Tirupati, a thorough search was made in the office of the District Registrar (Original Branch) was and an unaccounted amount of Rs.15,600/- was found in the computer section room (under the CPU of Finger prints seat) and an un-accounted amount of Rs.14,500/- was found in the Server room (in CDs box). Thus total un-accounted amount of Rs.30,100/- was seized by the DSP, ACB in the presence of mediators after none of the SRO staff claimed that the said amount belonged to them. When SO-1, SO-2 and other staff of the office (SOs 2 to 12) were asked to offer their explanation regarding the possession of un-accounted amount of Rs.30,100/- in the premises of the office they kept quit.

As per the circular Memo No.X2/10708/1994 issued by the office of Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration & Stamps, AP, Hyderabad dt.30-12-1997, it was instructed that in all cases of surprise checks where unaccounted cash is found with employee, in the premises of the office or with any un-authorised person in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties and the onus of disproving the same will be on charged officer.

Hence it is clear that the aforesaid unaccounted amount was the illegal amount obtained by SOs-1 to 12 as bribe from the parties.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy by his above said acts violated Rule 3(1) (2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy Sub-Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor District has committed grave misconduct in as much as he, in collusion with other staff engaged the services of five document writers for collecting mamools from the general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works and to handover the same to one private persons viz Sri K.Vijayakumar who inturn handover bribe amounts to the SRO and staff.

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The eight individuals viz., 1).Smt K.Bharathi 2).Sri C.JagapathiBabu 3).Smt K.Shanthi 4).T.Devanand 5).Smt.C.Rupa 6).RamachandraNaidu 7).Smt M.Rajamma 8).Sri M.Mohan Naidu who were examined by the DSP, ACB stated the same and substantiated the above fact.

Smt. K. Bharathi, aged 41 years, W/o C. Jagath Babu, D.No. 4-1456, Greamspet, Chittoor Town: She stated that she purchased Plot No. 356 of Chittoor Municipal area from Sri C. Subramanyam of Chittoor Town for Rs.1,64,000/- and got that plot registered on her name vide Doc. No. 6612/2018. Sri T. Srihari had prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 1,500/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount has to be given to the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

Smt. K. Shanthi, aged 38 years, W/o Sri T. Devanand, D.No. 28/927, Dharmaraju Colony, Chittoor Town: She stated that she purchased Plot No. 347 of Chittoor Municipal area from Smt. K. Vinayaki of Chittoor Town for Rs.1,64,000/- on her name vide Doc. No. 6613/2018. Sri T. Srihari prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 1,500/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount had to be given to the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

Smt. C. Rupa, aged 37 years, W/o C. Rama Chandra Naidu, Battuvalluru Village, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor District: She stated that she purchased land in Sy. No. 366/1 in Mogarallapalli Village of Gudipala Mandal from Sri C. Chinnabba Naidu of Papisettipalli Village of Gudipala Mandal for Rs.2,60,000/- and got the land registered on her name vide. Doc. No. 6602/2018. Sri D. Ravi prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 2,000/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount had to be given 11 .the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

Smt. M. Rajamma, aged 57 years, W/o M. Mohan Naidu, D.No. 7-1B, Papisettipalli Village, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor District: She stated that she purchased land in Sy. No. 392/2 in Mogarallapalli Village of Gudipala Mandal from Sri C. Chinnabba Naidu of Papisettipalli Village of Gudipala Mandal for Rs. 1,40,000/- and got that land registered on her name vide Doc. No. 6601/2018. Sri D. Ravi prepared their document and collected an amount of Rs. 2,000/- from them as mamool after stating that the said amount had to be given to the staff of Sub Registrar Office.

The husbands of the aforesaid four claints viz., Sri Jaghath Babu, Sri T.Devanand, Sri C.Ramachandra Naidu and Sri M.Mohan Naidu also coraborated the aforesaid facts stated by their wives in the presence of the mediators.

It was clearly enunciated in Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4 dt: 17-04-2001 of Govt. of A.P. General Administration Dept (Spl.B) that " No Manual or any procedure has prescribed to engage a private person to perform certain official duties during the course of departmental activity".

Thus SO-1 clearly violated the Memo issued by the Government of A.P and allowed the aforesaid private persons viz. Sri S.Lala Lajapathi and Sri K.Vijaya Kumar to work in the SRO unauthorizedly. SO-1 also violated the orders issued by **the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration & Stamps, A.P. Hyderabad.**

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Circular No.24, dt:28-10-1998, the instructions issued in circular Memo No.X1/3945/2007, dated 02-05-2007 and circular Memo No. Card2/5979/2013 dt.18-04-2013.

Thus the government servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy by his above said acts violated Rule 3 (1) (2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964.

CHARGE:-IV

That the Government Servant Sri Sodam ChinnappaReddygari Padmasekhar Reddy while working as Joint Sub Registrar-II, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chitttoor, Chittoor District from 01-10-2014 to 12-11-2018 being a supervisory officer in collision with his staff utterly failed to monitor them by giving an ample scope to his subordinates to resort to corrupt practices by engaging private persons for collection of illegal amounts (mamools) from the documentary writers who in turn had collect the same from general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works and thereby he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty by his sub-ordinates despite being supervisory Officer.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

During the Surprise Check conducted by the team of ACB officials lead by the DSP, ACB, Tirupati in the presence of two mediators on 12.11.2018 from 16.45 hrs to 23.55 hrs, on the District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor District, it was found that two Private persons were found working in District Registrar Office (OB) and 05 Document Writers/Assistant Document Writers were also found present.

On search of two private persons Sri S. Lalalajapathi was found in possession of an amount of Rs. 16,700/- and Sri K.Vijaya Kumar was found in possession of an amount of Rs.12,500/-. On search of the entire office, an unaccounted amount of Rs.15,600/- was found. Total cash was seized by the DSP, ACB, Tirupati.

On examination of private persons, documentary writers and public who came for registration of their properties, they substantiated the fact that the officials and staff of SRO-II, Chittoor are indulging in misconduct and by abusing their official position are obtaining pecuniary gains for themselves and causing loss to the government exchequer by engaging the services of unauthorized persons as private agents for collection of illegal gratification. Seizure of bribe amounts from the private persons and unaccounted cash from the office premises has substantiated the above allegation.

Thus the Government Servant failed to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty by his subordinates despite being a Supervisory Officer and thereby contravened Rule 3(5) of APCS Conduct Rules, 1964.

Therefore the Government Servant Sri Sodam Chinnappa Reddygari Padmasekhar Reddy may be placed on his defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries (COI) for violation of Rules 3(1), (2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SODAM CHINNAPPAREDDYGARI PADMASEKHAR REDDY, S/O LATE S.C. MALLI REDDY, AGE 48 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR-II, O/O DISTRICT REGISTRAR, ORIGINAL BRANCH, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROVED.

IN SC.NO.03/SC-TCT/2018

1. Original Surprise Check Proceedings drafted from 16.45 hrs to 23.55 hrs on 12-11-2018 at the O/o District Registrar Office, (Original Branch), Chittor, Chittoor District.
2. **Attendance Register:-** The record is being maintained from 01-01-2018 to till date. On verifying the register, noticed that all are present as per the register.
3. **Personnel Cash Declaration Register:-** The record is being maintained from 01.01.2018 to till date. On verifying the register all the regular staff have declared their cash. Their cash has been found either equal to or lesser than the declared cash in the cash register.
4. Reply letter No. E/R.O/SC/1184/2018 dt. 12-12-2018 of the District Registrar, Stamps and Registration Department, Chittoor, Chittoor district.
5. Circular Memo no.X2/10708/94 dt:30-12-1997 of Commissioner & I.G.of Registration & stamps, A.P. Hyderabad.
6. Statement of S. Lalalajapathi, aged 44 yrs, s/o Sri A.S.Subramanyam, Private person, SRO, Chittoor, R/o Door No.14-478/A, New Kayanikatti street, Chittoor town.
7. Statement of Sri K.Vijaya Kumar, aged 35 yrs, s/o A.Arul Das, Private person, SRO, Chittoor, r/o Door No.15-615, Greamspet, Chittoor town.
8. Statement of Sri Karnam Parasurama Sankara Narayana, age 55 yrs, s/o late Sri K.Parasurama Pillai, Document Writer (Licence No.3/1990), SRO, Chittoor, r/o Door No.4-1125/5, Gayathri nagar, Greamspet, Chittoor.
9. Statement of Sri Desetty Ravi, aged 52 yrs, S/o late Sri D.Doraswamy Naidu, Document Writer (Licence No.4/1990), SRO, Chittoor, R/o Door No.4-1818/A, Durganagar colony, Greamspet, Chittoor.
10. Statement of Sri Talambedu Sri Hari, aged 44 yrs, S/o Sri K.Guruswamy, Document Writer (No licence), SRO, Chittoor, R/o Door No.3-795, Greamspet, Chittoor.
11. Statement of Sri Ramaiah Bhaskar, aged 49 yrs, S/o late Sri Ramaiah, Document Writer (No licence), SRO, Chittoor, R/o Muthukur village & post, Chittoor Mandal, Chittoor district.
12. Statement of Sri Kalavakunta Gajendra Kumar, aged 45 yrs, S/o Sri K.Ramachandra Pillai, Document Writer (no licence), SRO, Chittoor, R/o Door No.4-1520, Greamspet, Chittoor.
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18. Statement of Sri C.Rama Chandra Naidu, Battuvalluru Village, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor District.
19. Statement of Smt.M.Rajamma, aged 57 years, W/o M.Mohan Naidu, D.No.7-1B, Papisettipalli Village, Gudipla Mandal, Chittoor District.
20. Statement of M.Mohan Naidu, D.No.7-1B, Papisettipalli Village, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor District.

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LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SODAM CHINNAPPA REDDYGARI PADMASEKHAR REDDY, S/O LATE S.C. MALLI REDDY, AGE 48 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR-II, O/O DISTRICT REGISTRAR, ORIGINAL BRANCH, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROVED.

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1) Sri Sajja Ramesh Babu, aged 48 yrs, s/o Sri S.Kuppaiah, Head Master, Z.P.High school, K.Gollapalle village, Yadamari mandal, Chittoor district (Mediator- I)
2) Sri Eddala Muralidhar Reddy, aged 46 yrs, s/o Sri Muniswamy Reddy, School Assistant, Z.P.High school, K.Gollapalle village, Yadamari mandal, Chittoor district. (Mediator- II)
3) Sri K.S.Nanjundappa, Dy.Supdt. Of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati (Investigating Officer)
4) Sri K.Prasada Reddy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati (Investigating Officer)
5) The District Registrar, Stamps and Registration Department, Chittoor, Chittoor district. (Furnishing of service particulars of staff)
6) Sri S.Lalalajapathi, aged 44 yrs, S/o Sri A.S.Subramanyam, Private person, SRO, Chittoor, r/o Door No.14-478/A, New Kayanikatti street, Chittoor town.
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